GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CHROME ORE MINES
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Chrome Ore bearing States at present;

(b) the number of Chrome Ore Mines leased out to public and private sector in those States so far separately;

(c) whether some of the Chromite Mines have been closed down in those States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their closure, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS)

(a): As per the information available with Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), a subordinate office under the Ministry of Mines,the chrome ore bearing States where reserves of chromite have been identified are Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa and Tamil Nadu.

(b) The applications for grant of mineral concessions both from the private sector and public sector are continuously received and processed by the State Governments. The State-wise number of public and private sector mines of chromite existing during the year 2001-2002 are as follows:-

State	Public-sector	Pvt. Sector	Total
Karnataka	2	-	2
Maharashtra	-	1	1
Orissa	6	11	17
Total	8	12	20

(c) & (d) As per information available with IBM, during the last three years, in Orissa five chromite mines have been temporarily discontinued due to reasons such as directive from the State Pollution Control Board, want of clearance from theMinistry of Environment and Forests etc., and two mines have been abandoned due to lack of demand and exhaustion of the mineral. One mine in Maharashtra has been abandoned due to expiry of mining lease.